GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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SUGAR IN UP GODOWNS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of sugar lying idle in godowns in Uttar Pradesh without being lifted as on date;

(b) the reasons for the glut in the sugar production in the State;

(c) whether the Uttar Pradesh Government have sought centre`s aid to tackle the sugar glut;

(d) if so, the amount of Central Assistance sought; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to help the State to tackle the glut in sugar production?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a): Balance stock of sugar in the sugar factories in the State of Uttar Pradesh as on22.01.2003 was about 23.30 lakh M.Ts. Sugar stocks keep on changing as sale/dispatch of sugar for non-levy, levy and exports is a continuous process.

(b): The sugar production in the State of U.P. during the four sugar seasons has been quite high due to good agro-climatic conditions. This has resulted in high level of stocks with the sugar mills of the State.

(c),(d)&(e): On the request of the State of U.P., the Central Government has released aquantity of 55000 M.Ts. of advance non-levy sugar in the month of December, 2002. Further, in order to enable the sugar factories to liquidate their stocks, the following measures have been taken:

(i) The sugar factories have been provided temporary relief by way of permitting them to sell equivalent quantity of unlifted levy sugar stocks as non-levy sugar in the open market.

(ii) Advance releases of non-levy sugar have been made to needy sugar mills to enable them to clear the cane price dues of the farmers and to reduce their stocks.

(iii) The quantitative ceiling on export of sugar has been removed.

(iv) The Sugar Development Fund (SDF) Act, 1982 and the SDF Rules 1983 have been amended, enabling reimbursement of the internal transport costs and neutralization of ocean freight disadvantage on export shipments of sugar.